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SUBJEC.; US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT (01.00): JOINT COMMISSION
MEETING

REF: (A) MOSCOW 7242; (B) MOSCOW 5979

1. EMBASSY MAY USE AS POINT OF DEPARTURE IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH AYKAZYAN ON DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF FIFTH JCM (REF A) THE
NOVEMBER 3 TEXT. THIS LATTER, OF COURSE, NEEDS
CONSIDERABLE UPDATING, AND COVERS ONLY FIRST FIVE AGENDA
ITEMS.

2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AT US SIDE MEETING
JUNE 1-2 IS IDENTICAL TO NOVEMBER 3 VERSION EXCEPT THAT
ITEM FIVE NOW READS "REVIEW OF JOINT REPORTS ON WORKING
GROUP ACTIVITIES (DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE): A. QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS AND DISCUSSION; B. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS."

3. ON AGENDA ITEM 5, US AGREES TO SUPPLEMENT THE REVIEW
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OF JOINT REPORTS WITH ORAL PRESENTATIONS NO REPEAT NO
LONGER THAN FIVE MINUTES EACH BY ONE OF THE WORKING GROUP
CO-CHAIRMEN. PRESUMABLY ANTONOV, BORESKOV AND
BORODOVCHENKO WILL PERFORM THIS TASK FOR THE SOVIETS.

4. SINCE NOVEMBER 3 DRAFT WAS PREPARED AFTER THE US SIDE
HAD LARGELY SETTLED ON ITS POSITION, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT

TO SUGGEST FINAL WORDING FOR ITEM 5 UNTIL AFTER MEETING OF NEW US SIDE JUNE 1-2 WHICH WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF PROGRESS SINCE SEPTEMBER AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF NAS REVIEW PANEL. BRIEFING BOOK FOR THIS SESSION WAS POUCHED TO EMBASSY MAY 27. SECRETARIAT SUMMARY FOR EACH WORKING GROUP CONTAINS RECOMMENDED ACTION BUT DECISION RESTS WITH MEMBERS. SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS ITEM WILL BE TELEGRAPHED AFTER JUNE 2. HOWEVER, SECTIONS ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, S&T INFORMATION AND STANDARDIZATION ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED MUCH BY OUTCOME OF MEETING. WE PROPOSE TEXT ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BE ALTERED SLIGHTLY TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE COMMISSION NOTED THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN AUGUST AND OCTOBER 1976 BETWEEN THE CO-CHAIRMEN APPROVING 'STATEMENTS GOVERNING INVENTIONS' AND 'STATEMENT GOVERNING INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY' (APPENDIX I). THE COMMISSION AGREED THAT THE ORIGINAL GOALS OF THE WORKING GROUP HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BUT APPROVED PLANS FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO MEET TO DISCUSS THE PREPARATION OF HANDBOOKS DESCRIBING PAST WORK WHICH EACH SIDE IS PREPARING AND TO MEET AS REQUIRED FOR THE ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES."

5. ADD AT END OF PARA ON S&T INFORMATION: "THE COMMISSION REQUESTED THE WORKING GROUP TO SET A DATE FOR THE ORDERLY TRANSFER OF THE COMMON COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT TO AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM."

6. SUBSTITUTE "THE ACTIVITY OF THIS WORKING GROUP" FOR "THIS COOPERATIVE AREA" IN PARAGRAPH ON STANDARDIZATION
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ON PAGE 5.

7. WE FULLY ANTICIPATE THAT US SIDE WILL AGREE TO PLACING CORROSION ON AGENDA UNDER ITEM 6, BUT NOT METALWORKING UNDER PRESSURE AND PROBABLY NOT ANYTHING ELSE. PROVISIONALLY, DRAFT MEMORANDUM COULD CONTAIN PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS: "THE SOVIET SIDE PROPOSED THAT THE PROBLEM OF CORROSION AND ANTI-CORROSIVE PROTECTION OF METALS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AMONG THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS ON WHICH FRUITFUL COOPERATION CAN BE ORGANIZED BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE US. THE JOINT COMMISSION APPROVED THIS PROPOSAL AND DIRECTED THAT WORK IN THIS COOPERATIVE AREA BE INITIATED."

8. DESPITE PREVIOUS EXCHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT, DOUBT STILL EXISTS ON PART OF SOME IN WASHINGTON WHETHER SOVIETS PROPOSE CORROSION AS SEPARATE WORKING GROUP OR AS SUB-GROUP UNDER ELECTROMETALLURGY (REF B). WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION TO LAY DOUBTS TO REST. HABIB

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